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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
IN LIGHT OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 23, 1997 for which a response was due on October 23, 1997. Accompanying this response is a request for a three-month extension of time, making this response due on or before January 23, 1998. In addition, Applicants are filing, concurrent with this response, a First Request for Removal of Finality of the outstanding Office Action, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). Accordingly, this response is timely filed, and the amendments and remarks presented herein may be properly